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OLDER
SMALL GROUP

Elementary

NOVEMBER 22



THE FIERY FURNACE

BIBLE PASSAGE: Daniel 3

FOCUS VERSES: Psalm 95:6; Revelation 4:11; Hebrews 12:28; Romans 1:16

Summary: When Babylon captured Israel, young men like Daniel and his friends were taken to serve the king. King Nebuchadnezzar built a gold statue and commanded all to worship it or be thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused, choosing to honor God. Even when given another chance, they stood firm. They were thrown into the furnace, but the king saw a fourth figure with them, protecting them from harm.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

(PSALM 145:3)

BRITE Idea

Only God is worthy of worship.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:

HE

WHY IS GOD WORTHY OF WORSHIP?
God is greater than anyone or anything. No one is like Him.

WE

HOW DO WE WORSHIP GOD EVEN WHEN THOSE AROUND US DON'T?
We can trust God is always with us, and He gives courage to honor Him no matter what is happening.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will reflect and respond to the truth they learned about God.

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DO AS I DO

SUPPLIES:
Blindfold

PREP:
None

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God is greater than anything! How have you seen God's greatness this week?
4. *Gather kids in a standing circle.*
5. *Choose one kid to be the "Detective" and have them put on the blindfold.*
6. *Silently choose one kid in the circle to be the "Leader."*
7. *The Leader will lead the remaining kids in different actions: clapping, tapping their head, kicking their feet, etc. They will change actions from time to time.*
8. *Tell the remaining kids that they will follow the actions of the Leader discreetly, trying their best not to be seen by the detective.*
9. *Invite the Detective to take off their blindfold and stand in the middle of the circle. The Detective will move around in the circle to try to find the person leading everyone's actions.*
10. *Repeat the game as time allows, choosing a new Detective and Leader each time.*
11. **Discuss:** Whose job do you think was the hardest—the Detective, the Leader or the followers? Why?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

In our game, we all followed the guidance of our secret Leader. Sometimes in life, the people that lead us might not always ask us to do things that we agree with or things that we think are right. We are learning about a few men who stood up against their leader today in order to follow God's Word and do what was right.

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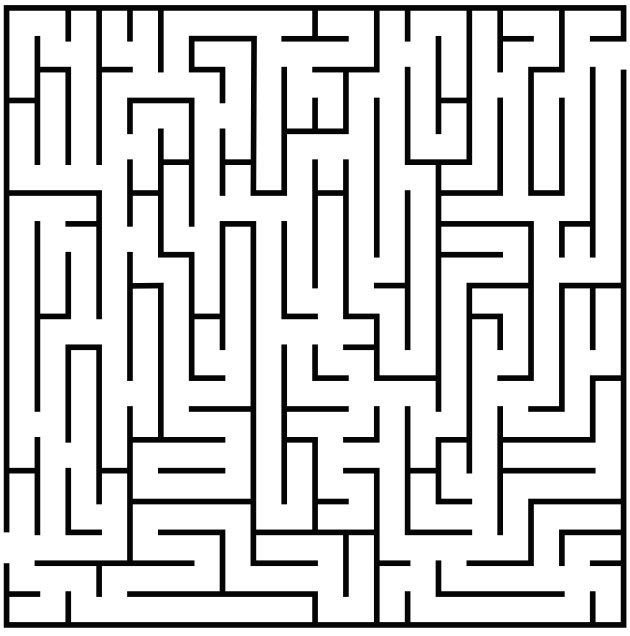

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Today's Brite Idea is: Only God is worthy of worship.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

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(PSALM 145:3)

BIG QUESTION

Who is greater than everything? God!

HE — God is awesome.

WE — We can worship Him.

ME — I can worship Him.

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CLAP YOUR HANDS!

SUPPLIES:
None

PREP:
None

LEADER TIP: Have a list of kids' names for easy reference. Practice the song ahead of time.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids to sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** Raise your hand if you love to sing! Today we will sing a welcome song as we welcome all our friends!
3. **Say:** When I say your name, clap your hands. Let's all practice clapping together first. Ready? Clap your hands! Demonstrate for kids.
4. *Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It"*
   (Kid's name) is happy, clap your hands.
   (Kid's name) is happy, clap your hands!
   (Kid's name) is happy and they really want to show it.
   (Kid's name) is happy, clap your hands.
5. *Repeat with each kid's name in your group.*
6. *Add in other movements such as "stomp your feet," "wave hello," etc.*
7. **Ask:** Who is happy to be here today?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

I'm so happy you are here today! We will learn about three friends in our Bible story. A king was not happy when the three friends would not worship a statue. They would only worship God. Let's find out what happens.

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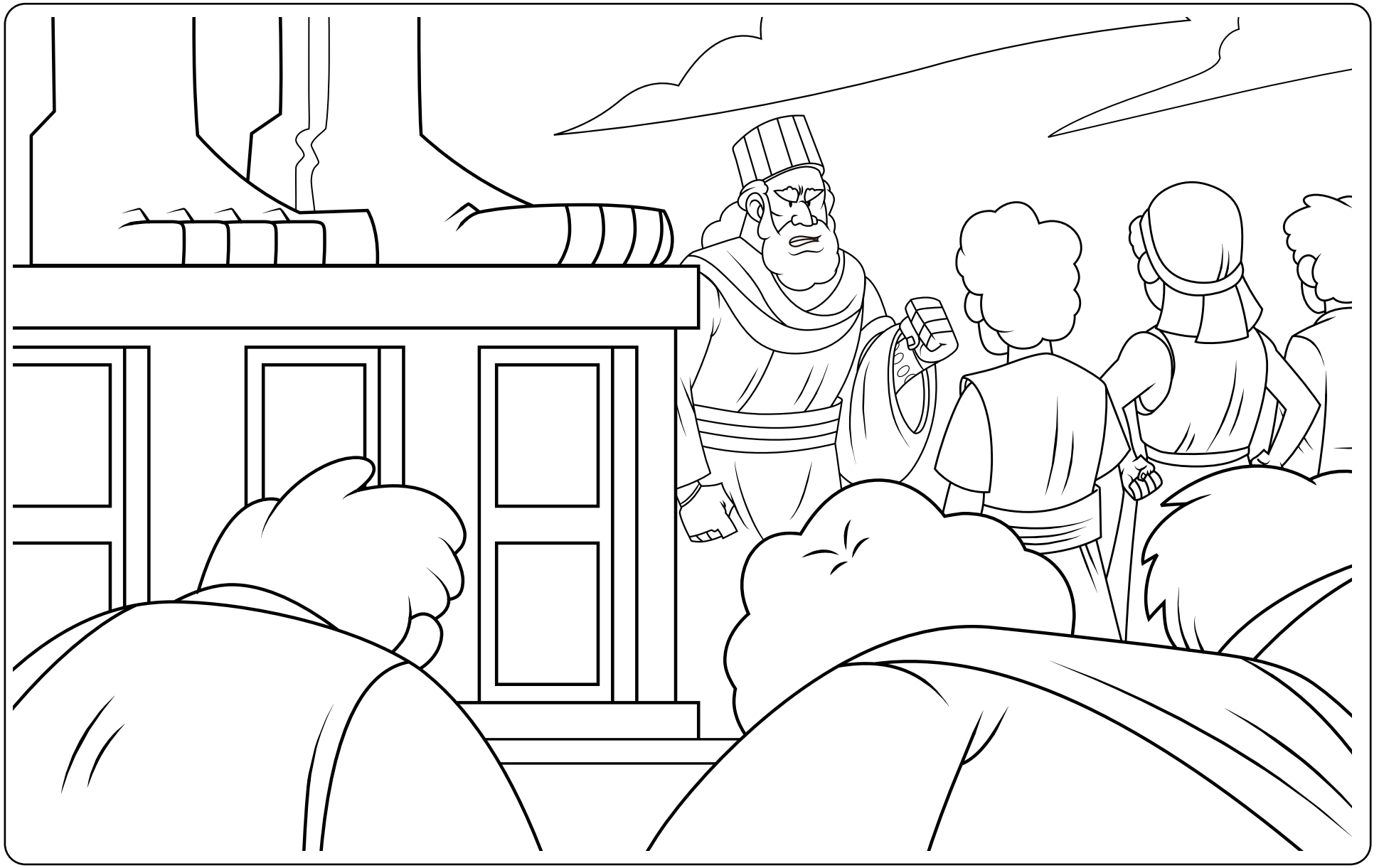

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



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